

Town of Raymond  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2001

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Ada Brown; Michael McClellan; Mark Acker; Betty McDermott; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Chris Champagne, Deputy Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. January 2, 2001

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Update of the 1993 Sprinkler System Ordinance including incorporation of necessary new sections and/or possible new Fire Protection Ordinance.

DISCUSSION: Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Champagne explained the changes under consideration.

Item 4. Under Article 2, Section 2 the Department would like to use the NFP Life Safety code for their standards. This would give guidelines for building square footage language, horizontal count of units, truss loft protection, and a "change of use" requirement.

Item 1. Adopt the NFP Life Safety Code as Raymond's standards. Mr. Pomerleau felt these were too restrictive for residential homes. Mr. Champagne replied that the Department was interested in commercial usage because the BOCA code already covers homes.

Item 3. Mr. Champagne and Chief Morse emphasized the need to have trash dumpsters a distance from buildings. The danger of accidental or arson fires in dumpsters, then igniting buildings is becoming a real possibility. A standard for the placement of dumpsters if necessary.

Item 5. A policy to inspect commercial buildings is necessary to keep the public safe.

Item 2. Endorse a policy for monitored fire alarm systems in commercial buildings where a sprinkling system is not feasible.

It was decided to review and reconsider several points of this request and return to the Selectmen for further discussion.

4. Discussion of Route 85 reconstruction opportunities under the Maine Department of Transportation rural Road Initiative (RRI).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the \$150,000 for the Town's part of the road work from Route 302 to the Mill Street has been discussed and will be sent to Town Meeting this year. There is a second piece from Gore Road to the area of the Casco Town line has a chance for a partnership with the MDOT and will need a promise of \$150,000 in matching funds to pursue. Mr. Willard continued that this would require a withdrawal of \$300,000 from surplus. He believes that the amount of undesignated surplus we now have could support this withdrawal.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to raise the money for the Route 85 projects. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Draft Warrant Articles for March 17, 2001 Annual Town Meeting for review.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that Geoff Hole, Town Attorney, is reviewing the warrant. He felt they would be able to vote on the entire warrant at their next meeting.

6. Annual Audit Report and Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000 (review and acceptance).

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to accept the Annual Audit Report and Management Letter dated June 30, 2000. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Consideration to put a request for a street light at the end of Daggett Drive and Meadow Road in the Annual Town Meeting March 2001.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to decline this request because it is for a private road. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Property and Personal Property Tax Commitment.

NOTE: This is to take Nathan Poore off the Commitment and put Donald Willard on.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve this change. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Communications and other business.

a. Correspondence from John Kendall of CHIPCO International.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard introduced this by saying that Mr. Kendall has applied for grant money to help put in the extension of the water line from Windham to Route 85. The financing appears to be \$400,000 from the grant and \$300,000 from the TIF revenues. Mr. Willard continued that Mr. Kendall would like to bring in some expensive machines, which will add to the personal property tax base and from 60 to 100 technical jobs for the area. He added that bringing the water line to Route 85 would not guarantee this business addition, but Mr. Kendall seems positive of it and he can't expand without a water source. Mrs. Brown said that she was in favor in proceeding with the grant application and using the TIF money but was not in favor of the Town financing this project through added taxation. Mrs. McDermott agreed and added that this was an opportunity to get the work done prior to the resurfacing of Route 302, which will require a 7-year moratorium on any work disturbing the road. Deputy Chief Champagne felt this addition would increase the possibility of other sprinkler systems in commercial buildings, which would help fire protection. Mr. Pomerleau thought that hearing from Karen Martin of GPCOG and Mr. Kendall would be helpful. Chief Morse felt that possibly Portland Water District and the State might help since Raymond is responsible for so much of the Sebago Lake water shed area.

b. Town of Gray request to meet and discuss winter maintenance status of Brown Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that Brown Road was being discussed in Gray this evening. Mr. Richard Cahill, interim town manager, will be the contact person. Mr. Acker felt that plowing this road was not in accordance with Town policy because it is a private road. Mrs. Brown agreed. Mr. Pomerleau asked Mr. Willard to inform Gray that Raymond will not be plowing Brown Road.

c. Raymond Web and Technology Committee Report.

NOTE: Mr. Willard explained that this very comprehensive work being done was through the efforts of some very dedicated volunteers.

d. Civil Emergency Preparedness Ordinance.

NOTE: Geoff Hole is working on this item.

e. Barking Dog Ordinance.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown felt that this ordinance needs enforcement. Don Alexander reported that State law doesn't cover this but the Town does. He indicated that they would give a verbal warning, a written warning, and then a summons. He felt that increasing the fees might make someone take the warning seriously. Mr. Willard said he would discuss this with MMA and look at the fee structure. Mr. Pomerleau felt that Mr. Willard could deal with this issue.

10. Review and authorize the January 16, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$82,933.73. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester  
Secretary